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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-12,14,15 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6,8-12,14,15 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berner (US 3,516,324). Berner discloses an anchor comprising two pair of main through slots (6 and 7) defining main longitudinal anchoring tongues (20) therebetween on opposites sides of an axial plane (read as in a vertical orientation in Fig. 4); the main slots also being in the axial direction thus would be parallel to the plane; secondary through longitudinal slots (5), having a overall length different from the first slots, which lie adjacent the longitudinal slots (at 23) forming secondary anchoring tongues (17 and 18). The main and secondary slots are in a same central poriton at the location where they overlap and all the slots are essentially parallel because they are all shown to be parallel to the longitudinal axis. In regards to claim 14, it should be noted that these secondary anchoring tongues can be of different widths than the main tongues (column 3, line column 3, line 65-67) also, in regards to claim 17, they are on opposite sides of the axial plane (shown vertical in Fig. 4). Berner further discloses the longitudinal angular ribs (at a corner of the slot) and the serrations (at 13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Nehl (US 2002/0076297). Nehl discloses an anchor comprising two pair of main slots (28) defining main longitudinal anchoring tongues (14) therebetween on opposites sides of an axial plane (read as in a Horizontal orientation in Fig. 3); the main slots also being in the axial direction thus would be parallel to the plane. Nehl discloses a secondary longitudinal slots within the members (16), adjacent the main slots, forming secondary anchoring tongues (24) wherein the secondary slots are shorter than the main slots (see Fig 7). Nehl does not disclose the through slots. However, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to experiment and extend the secondary slots to be completely through the wall because it is obvious to experiment with variations for use in either the same field of endeavor based on design incentives or other market forces because the variation would have been predictable to one of ordinary skill in the art. See MPEP 2143.

In regards to claim 14, it should be noted that these secondary anchoring tongues are of different widths than the main tongues (see Fig. 3) also, in regards to claim 17, they are on opposite sides of the axial plane (shown horizontal in Fig. 3). Nehl further discloses the longitudinal angular ribs at the corners of the slots.

Claims 4, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nehl as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Berner. Berner discloses the serration lacking in Nehl. At the time the invention was made, it would have been

obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the anchor of Nehl with serrations as disclosed in Berner in order for it to be better retained within an aperture.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berner or Nehl as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sundstrom (US 5,205,668). Sundstrom discloses an anchor having a collar (10), flange (11), projecting appendixes (12) and head (4). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the anchors of Berner and Nehl with the a collar, flange, projecting appendixes and head as disclosed in Sundstrom in order to facilitated the anchor being properly positioned in a hole and preventing its rotation in the hole.

Conclusion

After consideration of applicant's remarks the rejecitons are maintained for the following reasons:

In Berner, the slots are parallel because they are all oriented in the longitudinal direction and parallel to the longitudinal axis and as such are parallel to one another. It should be recognized that the claims do not require the facing sufaces which form the slot to be parallel only the slot itself which is only the area between the surfaces.

As appled to claim 14, the examienr agrees that Nehl does not have serration. However, applicant does not address Berner and Berner does have the serration and was appled to claim 14 under both section 102 and 103.

In regards to Nehl, the examiner agrees that second slots are not through slots. However, Nehl was applied under both sections 102 and 103 noting that through slots would have been obvious and applicant has not addressed the obviousness of the slots being through slots.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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